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McNary Lock and Dam employees win charity challenge; Chief of Maintenance volunteers hair to good cause

UMATILLA, Ore. – Media representatives are invited to see McNary Lock and Dam's Chief of Maintenance Art Maldonado get his hair shaved today, Dec. 14, at 12:30 p.m. during the employees' annual holiday luncheon.

Maldonado offered to allow McNary employees shave off his hair if they met a goal to collectively raise \$13,500 in donations during the national Combined Federal Campaign which ran Sept. 1 – Dec. 15. Employees actually exceeded their goal by donating more than \$15,500 to charity during an 11-day campaign promotion at the dam, Nov. 5-16.

McNary supervisors started a tradition of setting personal challenges during the annual CFC campaign in 2003 when Dave Coleman, then-acting operations manager, offered up his foot-long ponytail and hair to the cause. Since then, managers have also kissed pigs and been submersed in dunk tanks for charity's sake. Each year the employees have exceeded their campaign goals: 2003 – more than \$10,500 (goal was \$8,000); 2004 – more than \$13,000 (goal was \$11,000); and 2005 – more than \$16,000 (goal was \$11,500).

Media representatives wishing to witness the shaving should call the Walla Walla District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, Public Affairs Office, at (509) 527-7020 to arrange access to the after luncheon event. Media representatives should plan to meet at the security entrance to the Powerhouse Viewing Room on the downstream side of McNary Dam (Oregon side of the Columbia River) no later than noon if they plan to interview Maldonado and McNary's CFC Coordinator Herb Scheuerlein.

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